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H. R. 4728

To authorize the Director of the Federal Emergency Management Agency to provide caseworker assistance to persons evacuated from their homes as a result of Hurricane Katrina or Hurricane Rita.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 8, 2006

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas (for herself and Mr. MARCHANT) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Community Integra-
5 tion Act of 2006”.

6 **SEC. 2. PURPOSE.**

7 The purpose of this Act is to allow the Federal Emer-
8 gency Management Agency to contract with local govern-

1 ments and local agencies to provide evacuees with a wide
2 range of social services.

3 **SEC. 3. CASEWORKER SUPPORT FOR EVACUEES.**

4 Section 408 of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief
5 and Emergency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 5174) is
6 amended—

7 (1) by redesignating subsections (g), (h), and
8 (i) as subsections (h), (i), and (j), respectively; and

9 (2) by inserting after subsection (f) the fol-
10 lowing:

11 “(g) CASEWORKER SUPPORT FOR EVACUEES.—

12 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any other
13 provision of law, the Director of the Federal Emer-
14 gency Management Agency is authorized to provide
15 caseworker assistance to individuals evacuated from
16 their principal place of residence and displaced to
17 another place as a result of Hurricane Katrina or
18 Hurricane Rita in 2005, or both, and not able to re-
19 turn immediately to their principal place of residence
20 because of the inhabitability of the structure.

21 “(2) CONTRACTS.—The Agency may enter into
22 contracts with local governments and local agencies
23 to provide assistance under this subsection.

1 “(3) FEDERAL SHARE.—The Federal share of
2 assistance under this subsection shall be 100 percent
3 of the activities for which the assistance is provided.

4 “(4) CASEWORKER ASSISTANCE DEFINED.—In
5 this subsection, the term ‘caseworker assistance’ in-
6 cludes assessing and addressing an individual’s
7 needs with respect to community integration, a job,
8 school, meeting a mortgage or other loan obligation,
9 health, and mental health.”.

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